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SUBJ: WITH GA: ITEM 51, UNCTAD--MTN RESOLUTION

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1. INFORMAL CONTACT GROUP MET NOVEMBER 26 TO ATTEMPT RESOLVE IMPASSE ON NEW LANGUAGE PROPOSED BY INDIA FOG G-77 (INSERTED AS OPERATIVE PARA 2, SEE SEPTEL THIS SUBJECT). MEETING INCLUDED INDIA AS G-77 SPOKESMAN, YUGOSLAVIA, DENMARK SEPAKING FOR EC, FRG, SWEDEN, AUSTRALIA, JAPAN AND US.

2. US REP (PRICKETT) STRESSED US OBJECTIONS TO NEW LANGUAGE SET OUT REFTEL IN CONTACT GROUP AND IN PRIOR DISCUSSION WITH JAPAN AND EC DELS. STRESSED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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US DESIRE FOR CONSTRUCTIVE MTN RESOLUTION ON WHICH US

COULD JOIN IN CONSENSUS.

3. PRESSED FOR SUBSTANTIVE IMPORT OF ADDITIONAL NEW LANGUAGE INTRODUCED AT LAST MINUTE, INDIAN DEL (ABYANKAR) SPEAKING FOR 77 WAS VAGUE BUT ALLUDED TO PRESSURES FROM SOME MEMBERS OF GROUP (E.G., ANDEANS) TO SHOW SOME "MOMENTUM" FROM TOKYO DECLARATION. HE REITERATED PREVIOUS ASSURANCES THAT THERE WAS NO RPT NO INTENTION TO AMEND DECLARATION. TO MEET US OBJECTIONS HE OFFERED TO WITHDRAW PREVIOUS FORMULATION IN FAVOR OF FOLLOWING: QUOTE EMPHASIZED THE FACT THAT THE TOKYO DECLARATION IS EXPRESSED IN BROAD TERMS AND OPENS THE WAY FOR FURTHER PROGRESS, TAKING FULLY INTO ACCOUNT THE CONCERNS AND PERSPECTIVES VOICED BY DIFFERENT DELEGATIONS, IN PARTICULAR THOSE FROM DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, REGARDING THE PRINCIPLES WHICH SHOULD GOVERN THE MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS. UNQUOTE. US REP PROMISED TO CONVEY FOREGOING TO WASHINGTON IN

HOPE THAT AGREEMENT COULD BE REACHED.

4. REPLIMINARY EVALUATION OF THIS TEXT BASED ON SUBSEQUENT MEETING OF WEO'S IS THAT IT REPRESENTS CONSIDERABLE MOVEMENT TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT US OBJECTIONS TO INCLUSION DIVISIVES REFERENCE TO VIEWS OF SINGLE GROUP OF COUNTRIES AND QUOTE PRINCIPLE OF PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT UNQUOTE. SOME DELS (AUSTRALIA, SWEDEN) WOULD HOPE TO MUTE REFERENCE TO QUOTE PRINCIPLES UNQUOTE BY EITHER (A) STRIKING QUOTE REGARDING PRINCIPLES WHICH SHOULD GOVERN MTN UNQUOTE AND INSERTING IN LIEU THEREOF QUOTE IN THE WORK OF THE TRADE NEGOTIATING COMMITTEE UNQUOTE OR (B) INSERTING QUOTE IN THE WORK OF THE TRADE NEGOTIATING COMMITTEE UNQUOTE AFTER QUOTE FURTHER PROGRESS UNQUOTE. OTHER OPTIONS DISCUSSED AMONG WEO'S INVOLVED ALTERING SEQUENCE OF PHRASES OR MINOR WORD CHANGES TO SOFTEN OVERALL IMPACT WHILE ATTEMPTING TO PRODUCE FORMULATION WHICH CAN BE SOLD TO G-77.

5. EC AFTER CAUCUSING HAVE EXPRESSED SOME PREFERENCE FOR VERSION SUBMITTED EARLIER BY G-77 BUT AGREED TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CABLE BRUSSELS FOR INSTRUCTIONS. US AND JAPAN DELS HAVE EXPRESSED INTENTION NOT TO LEAVE EACH OTHER OUT IN THE COLD IN ANY EVENT.

6. OUR BEST CURRENT ESTIMATE IN THAT ALTERNATIVE SET OUT PARA 4(B) ABOVE MAY BE BEST WE CAN GET. WOULD APPRECIATE GUIDANCE SOONEST; WEO'S WILL MEET AT 10 A.M. NOVEMBER 27 IN HOPE OF REACHING COMMON POSITION.

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